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POST COMMENT AND PROPOSALS REFTEL AS FOLLOWS:

1. RE PARA 2 REFTEL, WE ARE COUNTING KAMMA AMONG COMMITMENTS, THUS MAKING TOTAL OF FIVE IVS. ADDITIONALLY EMBASSY WILL NOMINATE ONE CANDIDATE EACH FOR FOOD AND INVESTMENT PROGRAMS. AS FOR IV JOURNALISM GRANT, PROPOSE PARTIAL GRANT FOR INSTRUCTOR/ ESCORT FOR STUDENTS OF REGIONAL JOURNALISM SCHOOL (ESIY) AFTER VISIT OF GROUP TO US THIS SUMMER UNDER CROSSROADS AFRICA GRANT. PARTIAL GRANT WOULD FUND INSTRUCTOR TO EXPLORE LINKAGE POSSIBILITIES. WILL PROVIDE DETAILS IF PARTIAL GRANT APPROVED. ADVISE.

2. AS FOR 1976 ELECTION PROJECT DESCRIBED IN STATE 285704, WITH DEPARTMENT APPROVAL, EMBASSY PROPOSES INVITE EDITORS CAMEROON TRIBUNE (FRENCH) AND CAMEROON OUTLOOK (ENGLISH) TO DESIGNATE ONE JOURNALIST EACH TO PARTICIPATE. JUSTIFICATION GIVEN SEPTTEL. REQUEST DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZATION BEFORE PROCEEDING.

3. PLEASE PROCEED TO RECRUIT FOR REPLACEMENT OF TWO PRESENT FULBRIGHTERS. KOENIG SHOULD POSE NO PROBLEM AS SHE WANTS TO RENEW AND WE AND UNIVERSITY APPROVE. BLANSHARD ANOTHER MATTER AS HE ON ONE YEAR SABBATICAL. MBASSI MANGA OF UNIVERSITY ENGLISH DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE FOR HIM TO RETURN FOR SECOND YEAR, AND HE DOING OUTSTANDING WORK WITH STUDENTS. BUT IT RE-

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MAINS TO BE SEEN IF UNIVERSITY WILLING REFUND TRAVEL, AND IF

HE AVAILABLE. SUGGEST YOU PROCEED RECRUIT NEW PERSON FOR POSITION. ADVISE.

4. AIRPOUCHING COPY VICE CHANCELLOR VICTOR NGU'S REPORT ON IV GRANT VISIT TO MINED FOR ACTION. REPORT CONTAINS EXCELLENT SPECIFIC LINKAGE PROPOSALS BUT EMBASSY UNABLE ACT UNTIL MINED HAS MADE ITS JUDGMENTS. WOULD APPRECIATE COPIES MEMCONS MADE DURING NGU CONSULTATIONS IN DEPARTMENT AND ESPECIALLY THOSE WITH AID OFFICIALS.

5. NGU IN RECEIPT OF APPLICATION FOR TEACHING POSITION AT YAOUNDE UNIVERSITY FROM DR. TRACY C. CARTER. NGU MET HER DURING HIS VISIT AT MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY (EAST LANSING) AND FAVORABLY IMPRESSED. HAS SPOKEN WITH CHANCELLOR WHO ALSO FAVORABLE. NEED FOR HER FIELD (ZOOLOGY) AT UNIVERSITY. SHE STATES THAT SHE IS WILLING TO TEACH AT LOCAL SALARY SCALE. RECOMMEND THIS AS POSSIBLE FIRST STEP IN SUPPORT OF SCIENCE TEACHING AT UNIVERSITY. SHE CAN BE CONTACTED C/O DEPAT OF ZOOLOGY, MICHIGAN STATE. ADVISE.

6. RE REQUEST FOR INTERPRETATION/TRANSLATION EXPERT TO ESTABLISH LOCAL TRAINING COURSE, WE HAVE SENT NOTE TO FONMIN SUGGESTING, BUT TO DATE NO RESPONSE. TALKS WITH PRESIDENCY OFFICIALS INCLUDING CHIEF OF TRANSLATION SERVICE REVEAL FAVORABLE REACTION TO PROPOSAL, AND CHIEF OF TRANSLATION SERVICE HAS PROMISED TO PRESS FOR FORMAL RESPONSE. ALSO NGU FEELS THERE WOULD BE NO DIFFICULTY TO INTEGRATE COURSE INTO UNIVERSITY PROGRAM SHOULD THIS BE DECIDED. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO RECRUIT A SHORT-TERM FULBRIGHTER FOR STUDY AND INITIAL PLANNING?

7. ANOTHER GOOD POSSIBILITY FOR SHORT-TERM FULBRIGHTER FOLLOWING HIEBERT VISIT WOULD BE FOR AMERICAN JOURNALISM PROFESSOR AT ESIJY. TENTATIVE DISCUSSION WITH ESIJY DIRECTOR INDICATES HE FAVORABLY DISPOSED. WILL FOLLOW-UP IF YOU ADVISE US THAT THIS IS FEASIBLE.

8. OTHER EXCHANGE ITEMS LISTED IN PARA 1 REFTTEL ON TRACK. APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT AND PATIENCE.
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